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b) a reinforcing agent; and  
c) a high molecular weight polymer.}-

**REMARKS**

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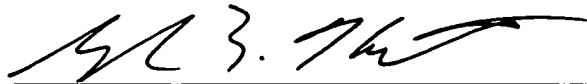
**35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being allegedly indefinite are respectfully requested.

The Action alleges that the claims are indefinite because under certain circumstances, the sum of the individual component percentages can total greater than 100%. By virtue of the present amendment, all claims now contain the proviso that the sum of all components totals 100%. No new matter is added, as that proviso is inherent in any multi-component composition. For the same reason, no change in claim scope is intended or believed made.

Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS**

--1. (Thrice amended) A polymer formed from monomers comprising ethylene;  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHQ}$  wherein Q is  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  alkyl; and optionally a non-conjugated polyene; wherein

a) ethylene is present in an amount of from 67% to about 75% by weight;

b) the non-conjugated polyene is present in an amount of from about 0% to about 30% by weight; and

c)  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHQ}$  is present in an amount of from about 15% to about 40% by weight;

said polymer having a viscosity average molecular weight of from about 4,000 to about 30,000 and being a solid at room temperature, with the proviso that the sum of components a), b) and c) totals 100% by weight.--

--14. (Thrice amended) A composition which comprises:

a) a polymer formed from monomers comprising ethylene;  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHQ}$  wherein Q is  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  alkyl; and optionally a non-conjugated polyene; wherein

i) ethylene is present in an amount of from 67% to about 75% by weight;

ii) the polyene is present in an amount of from about 0% to about 30% by weight; and

iii)  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHQ}$  is present in an amount of from about 15% to about 40% by weight;

said polymer having a viscosity average molecular weight of from about 4,000 to about 30,000 and being a solid at room

temperature, with the proviso that the sum of components i),  
ii) and iii) within said polymer totals 100% by weight;

- b) a reinforcing agent; and
- c) a high molecular weight polymer.--